

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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This legislation proposes changes to the states Open Meeting Law. The legislation would amend four sections of the Open Meeting Law. It addresses how notice is given to the public by public agencies that are subject to the Open Meeting Law, as well as how amendments to meeting agendas are to be made. The legislation also covers the subject of minutes pertaining to executive sessions and discusses the manner and method for a governing body of a public agency to go into executive session. The bill provides that an executive session is an exception to the states Open Meeting Law and, as an exception, is to be narrowly construed. Finally, the bill addresses violations to the Open Meeting Law, modifying penalty provisions found in Idaho Code § 67-2347. This legislation provides a provision for governing bodies of public agencies to cure violations of the Open Meeting Law by following steps set forth in a new subsection (7) to Idaho Code § 67-2347.

FISCAL NOTE

This bill would have no fiscal impact on the general fund.

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